

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A method of treating COPD in a mammal which comprises orally administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition consisting essentially of at least one glutamate, other than mono sodium glutamate, and a precursor of glutamate selected from the group consisting of leucine, valine, isoleucine, and a keto acid thereof.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said mammal is a human.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said method is treating the skeletal muscle fatigue caused by COPD.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said composition is administered to said mammal as a daily dose in a range of between 9 and 20 grams of the total of said glutamate and precursor forms thereof.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the amount of said glutamate or said precursor form thereof is subdivided in dosages of up to 3 grams, for regular administration to achieve continuously increasing glutamate level.

16. - 20. (Cancelled)